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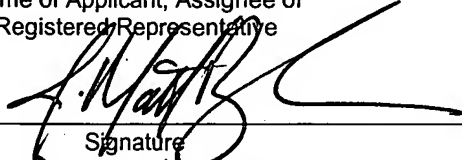
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Our Case No.: 10923/23

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Louis B. Goode

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: APPARATUS FOR REMOVING AN  
ELONGATED STRUCTURE  
IMPLANTED IN BIOLOGICAL  
TISSUE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

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The references now cited are the following:

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4,706,671	11/1987	Weinrib
4,791,939	12/1998	Maillard
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6,136,005	10/2000	Goode et al.
6,167,315	12/2000	Coe et al.
6,231,564	05/2001	Gambale

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This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/859,555, filed May 17, 2001 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited

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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Matthew Buchanan', is written over a horizontal line.

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